

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention provides apparatus and methods for billing a packet switched call utilizing a prepaid account in which a prepaid packet note (PPN) monitors a subscriber's usage during the call. The PPN is logically associated with a wireless packet serving node (WPSN) that executes call processing that is associated with the call. Moreover, the present invention provides apparatus and method for enabling the subscriber to replenish the subscriber's prepaid account.

The disclosure describes exemplary embodiments for implementing the present invention with code division multiple access (CDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), global system for mobile communications (GSM), and universal mobile telecommunications system (UMTS) wireless technologies. Additionally, the disclosure provides an exemplary embodiment in which the subscriber can replenish the subscriber's prepaid account through a signal processor such as a website or a telephone processing unit.